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## METHODIST HOST GATHER AT WINONA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BE-  
GAN SESSION AT WI-  
NONA YESTERDAY.

## BISHOP MURRAH IS PRESIDING

Rev. J. M. Carpenter Probably  
Only Local Minister Who  
Will Leave.

The North Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its annual meeting at Winona yesterday, and will remain in session until next Monday. The assignments of pastors is always the last work undertaken, and the ministers will not know positively where they are to be sent next year until just before adjournment.

All three of the local ministers, Dr. W. W. Woollard, presiding elder of the Columbus district, Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First Methodist church, and Rev. J. M. Carpenter, pastor of the Central Methodist church, are attending the conference. It is believed that Dr. Woollard and Mr. Duren will retain their respective charges, as, under the rule of the conference which limits the work of a minister to four years in a single field, each still has one year to serve here. It is known, however, that Mr. Carpenter will not return, as he has already announced that he intends to resume his theological studies at Harvard University. Mr. Carpenter has made the Central church a most efficient pastor, and his departure is regretted not only by members of the congregation but by Columbians generally. There is no information at hand upon which to base a prediction as to who his successor will be.

The conference is being presided over by Bishop W. B. Murrah, of Jackson, who spent a portion of his boyhood in Lowndes county, and who has hundreds of friends here.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING XMAS PACKAGES BY MAIL

FEES FOR INSURING, ETC., ARE  
EXPLAINED IN FEDERAL  
BULLETIN.

Here is what it will cost to get Christmas gifts insured that will go by parcel post:

Three cents when the value does not exceed \$5. Five cents when it is not over \$25. Ten cents when it is not over \$50. Twenty-five cents when it is not over \$100.

Parcels may be sent by special delivery, the fee for which is ten cents in addition to the regular postage. Parcels of a perishable character must be so marked.

Glass, china and dolls must be placed in a wooden box with plenty of cotton, excelsior, straw or sawdust packed around them, and the box marked to show the nature of the contents.

The limit of weight of fourth class matter is 50 pounds for parcels mailed for delivery within the first and second zones, and 20 pounds for all other zones.

Packages must not exceed 84 inches in length and circumference combined.

There can be placed on each package any number of marks or letters, tags or labels, as means of description, and there can be inclosed a printed invoice showing the name and address of the sender, and of the addressee, and the names and quantities of articles inclosed.

Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "With Best Wishes," "Do Not Open Until Christmas," may be written on each package.

When it is desired to send a communication with a parcel on which postage at the fourth class rate has been fully prepaid, the communication may be placed in an envelope fully prepaid at the first-class rate and addressed to correspond with the address on the parcel, and then be tied to or otherwise securely attached to the outside of the parcel in such manner as to prevent its separation therefrom, and not to interfere with the address on the parcel. The stamps to cover the postage on the parcel must be affixed to the wrapper of the parcel, and those to pay the postage on the communication must be affixed to the envelope of the communication. Only the spe-

## FARM EXPERT MAY BE SECURED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
HAS PLAN WITH THAT  
END IN VIEW.

## WILL PAY PART OF SALARY DEMANDED

Scheme Will Be Placed Before  
Board of Supervisors for  
Consideration.

If a plan recently devised by the Chamber of Commerce reaches fruition agriculturists in this section will soon have an expert to give them advice and assistance regarding diversification and other farm problems, as it is the intention of the Civic Chamber to make one more effort to secure a local county demonstrator.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce have had the matter under consideration for some time, and have at last worked out a plan which they believe to be thoroughly practicable. This plan provides for the employment of a man to act in the dual capacity of farm demonstrator and secretary of the Civic Chamber, and the Chamber will, of course, pay a portion of his salary. The Federal government has provided a fund out of which a portion of the salaries of county demonstrators are paid, and the only thing necessary to insure the success of the scheme is to induce the board of supervisors to go in on the scheme and agree to bear a portion of the expense.

Several counties in different sections of the state have adopted plans similar to the one outlined above, and in every instance satisfactory results have been attained. Prof. E. R. Lloyd of the A. & M. College, who has charge of the disbursement in this state of funds provided by the Federal government to aid counties in paying the salaries of demonstrators, has promised the directors of the Chamber of Commerce his hearty cooperation, and it is hoped and believed that the plan can be successfully consummated.

Will Play in Memphis.  
Agricultural College, Miss., Nov. 29.—Tomorrow at Hattiesburg park, Memphis, several men who have starred on the Mississippi A. & M. football teams for the past few years will bring their gridiron careers to a close.

Among these are Capt. Spurlock, who is playing center this year, and who has been selected as an "All-Southern" guard for the last two years by a number of critics; "Red" Fatten, who has been playing a corking good game at tackle this season, will also round out four years of service. Shaw and Gaddy, who have starred at end for the Maroon and White for four seasons, will play their last game also.

Besides these there are seven others who have not played out their full time, but who will graduate in June, and are probably playing their last game on an A. & M. team. In this list are Brunson, McArthur, Stewart, Martin, Scott, Weeks and Truss.

Accosted for Stealing.  
Chief of Police John A. Morton, returned yesterday evening from Memphis, where he went to be a witness in a trial, and brought with him Joe Gordon, a well known person of this city, who is wanted here on a charge of larceny and burglary.

Ben Storey, another well known citizen, who in company with Gordon is said to have stolen metal from the Columbus Lumber Company, is also in jail awaiting a hearing.

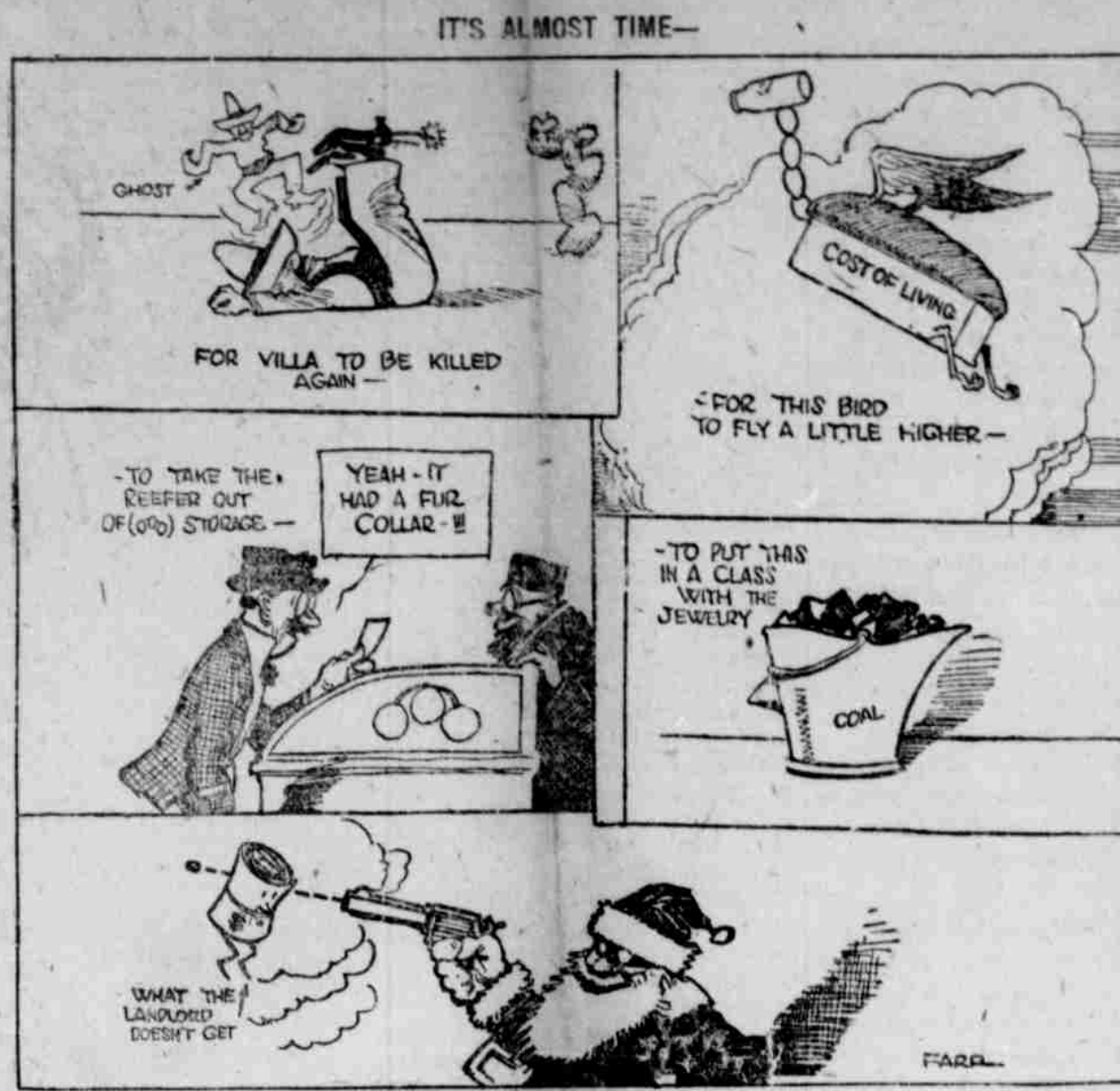
Policeman Morton met Gordon on a street in Memphis, and after talking with him a few moments had him placed under arrest.

Perry-Hounsell.  
A quiet wedding was solemnized Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First Methodist church, when Miss Ruth Hounsell was married to Mr. Frank Perry.

The bride, who is a pretty brunette, is a charming young lady. The groom holds a position with the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company and is a very responsible young business man. The Commercial joins the many friends of this happy couple in extending to them best wishes.

Special delivery fee is required on such parcels sent as special delivery matter.

Commercial Ads are Winners.



## JOHN REVINSKY ADMITS THAT HE KILLED MAY GOODWIN; CLAIMS SHE CAUSED SISTER'S RUIN

A telegram was received here last night stating that John Revinsky, alias Haraloff Chelczski, who was arrested here some time ago, and who was later identified as the murderer of May Goodwin, a Memphis courtizan, and whose trial began in that city Monday, admitted on the stand yesterday afternoon that he killed the woman, and gave as the reason therefor that she caused the downfall of his sister. The following is a press report of the trial:

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 29.—A false left thumb, hidden in a glove, and with rubber string attached to its end, that enabled its wearer to work it from the inside of the glove as if it were a thumb of solid flesh, proved the feature of the opening session of the trial of John Revinsky, charged with the murder of May Goodwin, queen of the Memphis underworld, early in the morning of Oct. 9, at her apartment at 275 Rayburn avenue.

As the gloved thumb was passed around among the counsel and then to the members of the jury, there was a very audible whisper and hum among the big crowd of interested spectators in the courtroom, and many of them craned their necks to see.

Revinsky, the accused, displayed no emotion during the morning as he sat behind his counsel, Robert H. Prescott. He occasionally smiled at some humorous remark of a witness, but for the most part he sat with solemn face, looking straight ahead, and with the four-fingered left hand buried in his right.

The leading witness at the morning session before Judge Harsh, who heard the case in the first criminal courtroom, was J. A. Morton, chief of police of Columbus, Miss., who arrested Revinsky there on Oct. 29. He told of capturing Revinsky late in the afternoon under a negro church, in the edge of town, after he had been discovered a few minutes earlier in the belly of the church by the sexton. He said after he had disarmed him of a .38-caliber, old-style pistol—the caliber of pistol from which the bullets were fired that were found in the Goodwin house after the murder—he marched Revinsky to the police station, where he was stripped of all his possessions. They included a small bottle of glue or nitro-glycerine, a long pocketbook in which there were clippings from Memphis papers, a false mustache, lampbrush, two skeleton keys, and two small pieces of brass, said to be used by burglars in the blowing of safes.

Morton also said Revinsky was very reluctant to pull off the glove on his left hand, attempting to conceal it with his clothing. When it was taken off the false thumb was discovered in it. Revinsky, at the time of his capture, also had a long strip of court plaster upon his left cheek, saying his face was sore. When a physician removed it, however, it was found that the scar was an old one.

Despite the fact that Revinsky was on trial for his life, he broke into a hearty laugh when Richard Baker, negro sexton of the church at Columbus, told of seeing the prisoner first in the belly of the church.

Baker, evidently badly scared by the crowd, readily confessed that when he saw a strange man in the loft of the church, he "hasted" to come down. He said the man told him he would give him \$1 if he would say nothing about seeing him there.

"Did you take the money and trade with him?" asked Mr. Prescott, at-

torney for Revinsky.  
"No, sir; I jes' hasted on down the ladder an' told the man as I was comin' down dat I didn't have no use for de money."

The crowd broke into titters so frequently at the various points in Baker's testimony that Judge Harsh had to threaten to clear the courtroom.

Police Chief Perry testified that entrance to the Goodwin house evidently was gained by climbing to the kitchen roof and thence through a bath room window on the second floor. There were the prints of four fingers, but no thumb, on the bathtub.

Detective Al Hurst told of Revinsky's dash for liberty while being brought from Columbus.

Auto and Owner Ride 50 Yards on Engine; Escape Injury.  
San Jose, Cal., Nov. 29.—Joseph Alaimo, of this city, is alive today after a miraculous escape from death late yesterday when he rode his automobile for 50 yards on the pilot of a locomotive, following a collision at a downtown crossing and escaped without injury.

Alaimo attempted to beat the train to the crossing and lost. The machine was lifted onto the pilot of the engine. When the locomotive was stopped after Alaimo's auto, with the man still grasping the steering wheel, had been carried for 50 yards, the auto dropped to the ground and was driven off under its own power.

Mr. A. B. Myrick, who recently returned from the Mexican border, underwent a successful operation at the McKinley Sanitarium by Dr. M. E. McKinley and Dr. W. E. Richards Monday for a throat and ear trouble. He was able to return to his home on yesterday and is now rapidly improving.

## PORT COLLECTOR FRANKLIN IS IN COLUMBUS ON VISIT

REACHED THE CITY YESTER-  
DAY FROM HONOLULU, HIS  
POST OF DUTY.

Hon. Malcomb A. Franklin, who two years ago was appointed collector of the port of Honolulu, arrived in Columbus yesterday from Hawaii and will spend the coming month here with friends and relatives. Mr. Franklin, who is enjoying the best of health, was given a cordial welcome by the citizens of Columbus when he made his appearance in the business section of the city yesterday afternoon.

The re-election of President Wilson assures for Mr. Franklin the position of port collector for the coming four years.

## REGULAR COURT TERM STARTS

THE NOVEMBER SESSION  
BEGAN AT 2 O'CLOCK  
P. M. MONDAY.

## JUDGE ROGERS IS PUNCTILIOUS

Business is Transacted in Rapid and Orderly Manner by Jurist.

Monday marked the beginning of the regular term of circuit court, this term having followed a special session held last week for the purpose of trying some criminal cases which should have come up in September, but which were not disposed of on account of the fact that the term was pretermitted.

There was no morning session on Monday, as Judge H. H. Rogers, who is presiding, spent Sunday at his home in Louisville and did not reach the city until noon. Judge Rogers is punctilious and painstaking, and is conducting proceedings in such a methodical and orderly manner that business is being rapidly disposed. He has had placed in the court room a blackboard on which is listed each morning all cases scheduled for trial during the day, and attorneys are expected to be ready when these cases are called.

Quite a number of cases have been disposed of this week, among them being the following:

The State vs. Henry Barlow, retailing, not pressed at cost of city.

The State vs. Tom Hemphill, retailing, not pressed at cost of city.

The State vs. W. W. Loftis, unsanitary premises, not pressed at cost of city.

The State vs. Melvin Smith, assault and battery with intent to murder, plea of guilty withdrawn, and plea of guilty to assault and battery entered; fined \$50 and costs.

Larkin Cobb vs. The Eastern Star Benefit Association, a colored fraternal order, jury and verdict for plaintiff of \$250.

Beigs Pipe and Foundry Co. vs. E. W. Humphries and Charles Hays, continued on motion of plaintiff.

The following is a list of the citizens who are serving on the two petty juries:

Jury No. 1.—H. C. Andrews, W. G. Peralta, E. E. Hardy, Jr., D. A. Burgett, W. A. Dodson, M. P. Rosenzweig, R. L. Moin, G. W. Hairston, Jr., Fred Hayslett, H. C. Gregory,

## DAVID OVERTON IS GUILTY OF MURDER

VERDICT RETURNED IN FAMOUS CASE TUES-  
DAY WAS

## TO BE HANGED ON JANUARY 12

Crime Defined as "First Degree"—Accused Man Will Appeal.

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 29.—David Overton must pay the death penalty for the murder of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler, which occurred in Huntsville June 14, 1916. The foreman of the jury trying the case read the verdict in the Madison county courtroom shortly after 11:30 Tuesday morning and Judge Miller decreed that he must die by hanging January 12, 1917.

Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given by the defense immediately after the verdict was rendered, and the sentence is suspended temporarily, awaiting the decision in regard to an appeal.

Shortly after 11:30 twelve grim-faced jurors filed into the courtroom. The place was silent as a tomb. Even the rain outside seemed to abate as the lips of the foreman began to move and he read: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree."

Immediately thereafter the court pronounced the penalty, and the fate of Overton was learned.

There was no demonstration. The spectators heard the verdict in silence.

When the verdict was returned there were not as many spectators in the room as had witnessed the trial throughout the week. Extra deputies guarded the doors, but apparently this precaution was unnecessary as peace and quiet prevailed following the reading of the verdict.

Judge Miller asked Overton if there was anything he wished to say and his reply was "nothing, Judge, except that I am not guilty." The verdict was signed by Leader Reese, foreman.

Mrs. Mary T. Brown Dies.  
The many friends here of Mrs. Mary T. Brown, who resides in Greenwood, were pained to hear of her death which occurred Monday. The remains were brought to Mayhew, and interment took place there yesterday morning.

Mrs. Brown, who was well known in this city, was a step-mother of Mr. Ovid P. Brown, of Steens, and of Mrs. W. B. Vaughn, of Caledonia. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Henry P. Brown, and Mrs. John Tate, of Mayhew, and Mrs. John Bealle, of Greenwood, and a son, Rev. F. A. Brown, pastor in the North Mississippi Methodist conference.

Krone Stock on Sale.  
Messrs. Kaufman Brothers, who during the past week purchased the stock of goods of M. Krone, on Main street, will place the entire lot on special sale beginning Friday morning. Mr. C. S. Piche, the "sales wizard," who is well known here, will be in charge of this big sale.

The Krone stock was purchased by Kaufman Brothers at an enormous reduction, and many wonderful bargains will be offered.

Special prices are to be made on dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, ladies' ready-to-wear, etc. In fact Kaufman Brothers will teach your money to have more "sense."

Prof. B. G. Hull, one of the three men employed to make the quadrennial enumeration of educable children in the county, deserves much credit for the work that was done by him in the Columbus school district. The count of 1912 showed only 3,889 educable children in this district, and Prof. Hull's report recently made shows that there are now 3,968, a difference of 79 of the former report.

Choctaws to Give Dance.  
The members of the Choctaw Club will give their Thanksgiving dance on Friday evening beginning at 9:15 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the "Big Six" orchestra.

Tony Butera, L. D. Lawrence.  
Jury No. 2.—A. B. Pressly, W. S. Mustin, L. D. Brown, W. M. Swoope, C. A. Thompson, W. M. Atkins, E. L. Phillips, W. G. Boyd, T. M. Upchurch, J. J. Andrews, Jim Perkins, W. T. Wheeler.

## THANKSGIVING IS TO BE OBSERVED

HOLIDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN COLUMBUS  
IN USUAL MANNER.

## ALL MERCHANTS TO CLOSE STORES

Many People Will Probably  
Spend the Day in the Coun-  
try.

Today is Thanksgiving Day, and, as usual, the holiday will be generally observed in Columbus. Mr. Hollis Ames, who is in the employ of the Chamber of Commerce, last week circulated a petition calling upon the merchants to close their stores and many signatures were attached to the agreement. Stores, factories and offices generally will remain closed throughout the day, while pharmacies will close at noon and holiday hours will be observed at the post-office.

There will be union Thanksgiving services at the First Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock this morning, the sermon being delivered by Rev. D. A. Leak, pastor of the Christian church, and at the same hour there will be morning prayer at St. Paul's Episcopal church, with a short address by the rector, Rev. W. S. Slack. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend both these services.

The only thing in the shape of amusement that will be offered Columbians will be the picture shows at the Princess Theatre, and while many will doubtless attend the afternoon and evening exhibitions, others will probably hie themselves to the woods in search of game. The golf links will also attract many lovers of that game, while others will spend the day quietly at home with their families.

Mr. I. I. Kaufman is spending today with friends in Meridian.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER  
THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A  
BRIEF FORM.

Sixteen thousand pounds of dressed turkeys, 2,000 pounds of cranberries, 100 boxes of apples and oranges, 4,000 pounds of plum pudding and 7,000 pounds of candies and other dainties were shipped south Monday for Thanksgiving dinners for the troops on the punitive expedition on the Mexican border. Thirty-three motor trucks, in command of Capt. W. F. Herringshaw, "conveyed" the cargo. Extra guards boarded the caravan as it departed for field headquarters.

That wrapping twines which give thorough satisfaction can be made from paper has been demonstrated by the experiments made by the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis. Several hundred packages, each containing a medium sized book, were wrapped and fastened with the lightest weight paper twine and were mailed to various points throughout the United States. Reports show that practically every package was received in good order and that in no case was there any damage which could be charged as a fault of the twine. In making twine the paper is cut into strips which are then twisted tightly to form a cord. The strength of the twine depends upon the character of the paper used and the process of treatment. It is well adapted to a number of purposes, but the foresters say that as yet no satisfactory means has been found for protecting the paper twine from the action of water and it should not be used for purposes where it will be exposed to moisture.

Norma Talmadge, one of the youngest and most popular motion picture stars and the latest acquisition to Selznick Pictures, became the bride last week of Joseph M. Schenck, general manager of the Marcus Lowe enterprises.

Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Nationals, narrowly escaped death by drowning Tuesday when his boat struck a submerged stump and capsized in the Illinois river near Peoria.

Mrs. F. A. White, of Pickens, is spending some time here with Capt. and Mrs. T. G. Munger.